

# Regular Meeting

<b>Agenda Item #</b>	
<b>Meeting Date</b>	21 June 2004
<b>Prepared By</b>	Sara Anne Daines ECD Director
<b>Approved By</b>	Richard M. Finn City Manager

<b>Discussion Item</b>	Second Reading of an Ordinance Amending Commercial District Facade Ordinance
<b>Background</b>	<p>Representatives of Historic Takoma, Inc. have asked the Council to consider amending the membership requirements of the City's Commercial District Facade Ordinance. The ordinance currently limits Facade Advisory Board (FAB) members to a maximum of two consecutive terms of service. Historic Takoma has asked that the term limits be eliminated as it applies to the organization's FAB representative.</p> <p>An ordinance providing for the requested exemption is attached, if approved at this its second reading, the ordinance will be amended as follows.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“ No member, with the exception of the member representing Historic Takoma, Inc., shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. Members representing Historic Takoma, Inc. may serve for an unlimited number of one year terms.”</i></p> <p>The first reading was held on Monday, June 14, 2004. There were no public comments.</p>
<b>Policy</b>	To maintain the historic and architectural character of Old Town and Takoma Junction through the appointment of qualified individuals to the Facade Advisory Board.
<b>Fiscal Impact</b>	None
<b>Attachments</b>	Ordinance Amending the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance to Eliminate the Term Limits for the Historic Takoma, Inc. Representative to the Facade Advisory Board
<b>Recommendation</b>	To approve the ordinance as proposed.
<b>Special Consideration</b>	None

Introduced by:

First Reading: 14 June 2004

Second Reading:

Effective Date:

**ORDINANCE NO. 2004-\_\_\_\_\_**

**Amending the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance to  
Eliminate the Terms Limit for the Historic Takoma, Inc. Representative  
to the Facade Advisory Board**

**WHEREAS,** on October 11, 1999 the Council adopted Ordinance No. 1999-43 which established a Facade Advisory Board (FAB) to review and advise on proposed new construction, signs, and facade improvements within the Old Town and Takoma Junctions commercial areas of the City of Takoma Park; and

**WHEREAS,** Ordinance No. 1999-43, the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance, was amended on April 8, 2002, by Ordinance No. 2002-7, to expand the size of the FAB, to facilitate the review process, and to modify the membership requirements of the FAB in order to achieve a broader community representation; and

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Directors of Historic Takoma, Inc. has proposed the elimination of the two term limit restriction contained within the Commercial District Facade Ordinance for the Historic Takoma, Inc. member of the FAB; and

**WHEREAS,** the Council, finds it to be appropriate to remove the two term limit restriction for the Historic Takoma, Inc. member of the FAB, given the mission of Historic Takoma and the expertise of its membership.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED** by the Council of the City of Takoma Park, Maryland that Section 1, §1.B.4., of Ordinance No. 1999-43, the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance, as amended by Ordinance No. 2002-7, is amended as follows:

c. No member, with the exception of the member representing Historic Takoma, Inc., shall serve for more than two consecutive terms. The members representing Historic Takoma, Inc. may serve for an unlimited number of one year terms.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2004 by roll call vote as follows:

Aye:

Nay:

Absent:

Abstain:

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

Additions to the existing language of the Takoma Park Commercial District Facade Ordinance (Ordinance No. 1999-43, as amended by Ordinance No. 2002-7) are shown by **redlining**.